

Remarks

The claims have been corrected in view of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 19, 2010, and reconsideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 20 and 22, and new claims 35 and 36, recite among other elements certain closure arrangements for the compartments of the claimed delivery systems. Claim 20 specifically recites, among other elements, that there is a self-opening closure system that seals the front ends of the compartments and opens when the plunger is advanced, and claim 22 specifically recites, among other elements, means for sealing the front ends of the compartments that opens when the plunger is advanced. These features of the claimed delivery systems, taken together with the other elements recited in the independent claims, are not believed to be disclosed or suggested in any of the prior art of record. The respective dependent claims recite further patentable features, and those claims are similarly patentable over the prior art of record.

If a telephone discussion with the Applicants' representative would be helpful in resolving any remaining matters related to this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 651-736-4050. With this response, an earnest effort has been made to respond to all issues raised in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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